

Menopause Society of Sri Lanka
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting -2024
24th November at 5.30 pm at the SLCOG House, Model Farm road

Present – Dr. M.D.P Gooneratne, Dr. Mangala Dissanayake, Prof. Piyusha Atapattu, Dr. Janakie Karunasinghe, Dr. Darshana Abeygunawardana, Dr. Harsha Atapattu, Dr. Shiromalee Dissanayake, Dr. Champa Nelson, Dr. Sanath Akmeemana, Dr. Sumith Warnasooriya, Dr. Chanil Ekanayake, Dr. Thivanka Munasinghe, Prof. W.I.Amarasinghe, Mrs. Manel Amarasinghe, Dr. Ruwan Silva, Dr. Chinthaka Banagala, Dr. Achintha Dissanayake, Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa, Mrs. Chandrika Haththotuwa, Dr. Prabath Randombage, Dr. Sanath Akmeemana, Dr. U.D.P Rathnasiri, Dr. Indumini Gunathilaka, Dr. Champa Nelson, Dr. Mrs. Marlene Abeywardana, Dr. Anoja Fernando, Dr. Sumith Warnasooriya, Dr. Kolitha Sellaheewa, Dr. Wasantha De Silva, Dr. Amalka Ruparathna, Dr. Chinth Sellaheewa, Dr. Chaminda Hunukubura.

Excused – Dr. Hemantha Perera.

Proceedings

Meeting was called to order at 5.30pm by the chair, Prof. Piyusha Atapattu.

2024.1. Welcome speech by the President

Prof. Piyusha Atapattu welcomed the members of the Menopause Society of Sri Lanka. She thanked them for their support and expressed her gratitude to the council for their dedication and commitment in conducting the numerous activities of the Menopause Society during the year 2023 -2024.

2024. 2. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes were adopted and proposed as correct by Prof Indrajee Amarasinghe and seconded by Dr. Sanath Akmeemana

2024. 3. Matters arising from the Minutes

Discussed under the relevant agenda items.

2024. 4. President's Report

Prof. Piyusha Atapattu presented the Presidents Report briefing the activities done during 2022 – 2023. She specially thanked the council members for their support during the last one year.

12 council meetings were held in the past year and annual academic sessions was a success. Other academic activities was also successful including 2 pre congress workshops (Hysteroscopy and Ultrasound Scanning), 5 SAFOM webinars having chairpersons and speakers from Sri Lanka and participation to SAFOM sessions in Pakistan. Society has conducted awareness programs on post reproductive health in Kuliypitiya, Balapitiya, Castle street hospital for women and in HNB towers. Few programs were conducted in MAS holdings PVT LTD upon their request.

A notable appreciation was given to Dr. Sharadha Jayalath for his dedication and hard work as the editor of the journal and newsletter.

2024.5. Secretary's Report

Dr. Darshana Abeygunawardana, the Secretary presented his report, which was proposed as correct by Dr Harsha Atapattu and seconded by Dr Ruwan Silva.

2024.6. Chairman Academic Activities' Report

Dr. Chanil Ekanayake, the Chairman Academic Activities presented the progress of academic activities. He stated that apart from the academic activities highlighted in the presidents report, the UNFPA funded project report and article is submitted for journal publication.

2024.7. Treasurer's Report

Dr. Champa Nelson presented the audited accounts in the Treasurer's report. The report was proposed as correct by Dr Mangala Dissanayake and seconded by Dr. Sumith Warnasooriya.

2024.8 Induction of the new president

Dr Harsha Atapattu was inducted as the new president of the Menopause Society of Sri Lanka for upcoming 2025/2026 years.

He addressed the gathering and mentioned that the closing date for nominations were on the 26th October 2024 and announced the new office and council members to the society. Prof .Sellahewa and Dr. Gamini Perera joined the society as two returning officers and Dr Chandrika Hattotuwa and Dr Wasantha Perera was co-opted as members. This council and membership was proposed by Dr Harsha Atapattu and seconded by Dr. Sanath Akmeemana.

Dr. Harsha Atapattu briefed his journey in Menopause Society of Sri Lanka as a member during his training period to become the president elect last year.

He illustrated his future plans prioritizing starting a Certificate course in Menopause, Continue Hysteroscopy training and to commence the urogynaecology fellowship with in collaboration with Dr. Aparna. He highlighted the membership of the society as its strength and seniors acting as a family is the key to success.

He also highlighted the importance of celebrating the 25th year anniversary in a grand manner.

2024.9. New Resolutions

Proposed by Dr. Harsha Atapattu and Seconded by Dr. M. D. P Goonaratna.

This has proposed following amendments to clause 48(ii) of the constitution of the Menopause Society of Sri Lanka to use email/social media or letter by post to call for nominations for office and council in the future.

2024.10. Correspondence

None

2024. 11 Election of Office Bearers

The council and office bearers for year 2024 - 2026 were elected. The council of the Menopause Society of Sri Lanka for 2024 - 2026 is as follows. Presidence medal was handed over to new president Dr. Harsha Atapattu by Prof. Piyusha Atapattu. New president Dr. Harsha Atapattu announced the list of names of the new council.

President	Dr. Harsha Atapattu
President Elect	Dr. Darshana Abeygunawardana
Immediate Past President	Prof. Piyusha Atapattu
Vice President	Dr. Dasanthi Akmeemana
General Secretary	Dr. Chinthaka Banagala
Assistant Secretary	Dr. Sumith Warnasooriya
Assistant Secretary	Dr Ruwan Silva
Treasurer	Dr. Champa Nelson
Editor	Dr. Sharadha Jayalath
Chairman Academic Activities	Dr. Janakie Karunasinghe
Secretary Social Activities	Dr. Shiromali Dissanayaka
Council Members	Dr. M.D.P. Gooneratne Dr. Hemantha Perera Dr. Mrs. Marlene Abeywardena Dr. Thiwanka Munasinghe Dr. Sanath Akmeemana Dr. Mangala Dissanayake Dr. Chanil Ekanayake Dr. Prabath Randombage Dr. Indumini Gunathialaka Dr. Rohana Haththotuwa Dr. Achintha Dissanayake Dr. Dinusha Liyanapatabandi Prof. W.I. Amarasinghe Dr.Wasantha de Silva Dr. Chaminda Hunukubura
Co-Opted Members	Mrs. Chandrika Haththotuwa Ms. Wasantha Perera

2024.12 Address by the new President

Dr. Harsha Atapattu, the newly inducted President addressed the membership. He thanked them for electing him to the post of the President of the Menopause Society of Sri Lanka for years 2024 - 2026. He outlined her plans for the next two years. He extended his gratitude to the past presidents and council members and appealed for their continued support during his term of office.

2024. 13 Any Other Business

None

2024.14 Vote of Thanks

President, Dr Harsha Attapattu thanked the previous council for their hard work and thanked everyone participated for the AGM and invited for the fellowship.

The meeting was adjourned by 7. 30pm.

Dr. Chinthaka Banagala
Secretary
Menopause Society of Sri Lanka